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Applicant

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Application No.

: 09/647,899

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Title

SPINDLE OR WORM DRIVE FOR

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Post Office Box 7068 Pasadena, CA 91109-7068 February 22, 2002

Commissioner:

In response to the Office action of January 25, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Amend claim 27.

- A drive for adjusting devices in motor vehicles comprising: one of a fixed spindle and a fixed toothed rack fixed on one of two relatively displaceable parts;
- a gear assembly mounted on the other of the two relatively displaceable parts; and
- a gear housing holding the gear assembly, with the gear housing having at least two housing plates which can be fixed against each other by plug-type connectors;

wherein the plug-type connectors fix the position of the at least two housing plates relative to each other in all three-dimensional

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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	43+4	* 42+10	0	0 x \$9.00	0 x \$18.00	0
Independent Claims	3	** 3	.0	0 x \$42.00	0 x \$84.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$140.00	\$280.00	. 0
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$0
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1,27,34						

- * IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 20 OR LESS, WRITE "20" IN COLUMN 3
- ** IF HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR IS 3 OR LESS, WRITE "3" IN COLUMN 3
- *** PAY THIS FEE ONLY WHEN MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS ARE ADDED FOR THE FIRST TIME
- **** IF NO FEE REQUIRED, ADDRESS ENVELOPE TO "BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENTS"

 Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
 A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed
 Other enclosures:

Amendment Transmittal Letter Application No. 09/647,899

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIE, PARKER & HALE, LLP

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